



Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Miranda Our Lady of the Way, Sylvania



In Christ we Believe | With Christ we Belong | Through Christ we Become

Our Lady Star of the Sea and Our Lady of the Way parishes acknowledge the Gweagal people of the Dharawal Nation as the traditional owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

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Mass Times

Miranda:

Tuesday - 7.30pm

Wednesday & Thursday - 9.15am

Sunday - 8.00 & 10.30am

Sylvania:

Friday - 9:15am

Saturday - 5.00pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday - 7.00pm at Miranda

Saturday - 4.00pm at Sylvania

Baptisms:

By appointment - please call the Parish Office to arrange a Baptism.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 21 JANUARY 2024

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and
splendour, strength and honour in his
holy place.

Communion Antiphon:

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces be abashed.

PARISH NEWS -

- **CHEQUES CAN NO LONGER BE USED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARISH FINANCES** From 1 January 2024, we can no longer accept cheques as payment/donations. This is a decision that has been made by CommBank who have already implemented the policy. Please make arrangements for donations to be made with either direct transfer, credit card or cash. Many thanks for your continued support.
- **AUSTRALIA DAY MASS** Mass on Australia day **26 January** will be the regular Friday 9.15am Mass at Sylvania.
- **LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING** the first meeting of the Liturgy Committee for 2024 is scheduled for **Thursday 25 January at 7.00pm** in the Parish Centre.
- **CATECHIST SUNDAY** at our Masses on **3 and 4 February** we will pray for and Commission the catechists of our parishes for their work in our schools in 2024.
- **HELP WANTED** The World Day of Prayer is to be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Miranda on **Friday 1 March**. This is an ecumenical prayer service and I am looking for some people to help me with the planning of this liturgy. Please call the office or email me at office@olssmiranda.org.au. Bernadette Fabris.

Please pray for our sick:

Richie Newnham, Michael Egan, Maria Tuazon, Helena Butler, Christine Scanlon, Linda Faulkner, Robert Lamerton, Fr Carl Ashton, Thomas and Clare Mayers, Steve Porter, Ana Escanlar, Nani Caton, Teresa Veza, Jozef Gasior, Alana O'Neill, Peter Gorman, Jeff Ramos, Peter O'Dea, Elvira Enriques, David Thus, Tony Dib, Phyllis Austin, Cheryl Nobbs, Maria Esposito, Rose Fish, Sue Sheedy, Stevie Rofe, Gail Lambert, Gloria Scott, Georgina Rastergorac, Amparo Alvarez, Daniel Lagos, Lagos family, Lorraine Price, Mark Houghton, William Thoms, Pasquale Ghostin, Manfred Meier, Nick Christie, Nicola Christie, Samantha Christie, Wendy Fell, Gaye Chiswick, Blarsha Walmsley, Dorothy Miglionico, Julianne Stuart, Dot Touzell, Mary Harrison, John Nagy Jr., Louise Alexander, Margaret O'Neill, the residents of: Hammondcare, Moran Health Care, Julianna Village, St Basils, Alkira Gardens, and Frank Vickery Village.

A message from the Archbishop

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. *Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO) for the parishes of Miranda and Sylvania is Bernadette Fabris – 0414 442 047.*

Resources and information can be found at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

READING ROSTER

27 JANUARY 2024-Sylvania

5pm– Robert Nastasi

28 JANUARY 2024– Miranda

8.00am–Joshua Summers and Matthew Forrester

10.30am– Ofelia Franco and Mary Wither

Please pray for the repose of these souls

Recently Deceased:

Tony Khoury, Audrey Sussex, Romeo Mallari, Nora Diaz, Christine McCarthy, Arcangelo De Martin, Elaine Massingham.

In Remembrance:

Norm Lamerton, Mario Di Maria, Fr John De Luca, Florence Peters, Felix Veloso, Juanito Mallari Jr, Rose Palisi, Anthony Joseph.

Commitment Statement

The emotional, physical and spiritual safety, well-being and dignity of children and Adults is an integral part of the teachings and values of the Catholic Church. The Archdiocese is wholly committed to ensuring safety, well-being and dignity of all children and Adults at Risk, and acknowledges its important legal, moral and spiritual responsibility to create a safe and nurturing environment for those Children and Adults.

According to Pope Francis, 'Jesus did not mince words'. Any way you look at it, Christ's proclamation was a turning point in history with phenomenal ramifications. The moment has arrived! The Kingdom of God is close! There is Good News to be heard! This was Jesus' message about himself. 'He was the salvation,' the Pope notes, who entered human history in a powerfully new way.

When we look at this Gospel, Jesus also had another component of his message: the way of discipleship. Its elements are straightforward: repent, believe, follow.

As the Pope elaborates, Jesus 'invites us to recognise ourselves as in need of God and his grace; to have a balanced attitude with regard to earthly goods; to be welcoming and humble toward everyone; to know and fulfil ourselves in the encounter with and service of others.' This is how we can change our lives to follow more closely the one in whom we believe.

And, as the Pope further suggests, each phase of our life 'has its own value, and can be a privileged moment of encounter with the Lord.' Therefore, we should be open to welcoming Jesus again and again in new places and situations. Whether in our parishes, homes or workplaces, our lives are full of encounters that can change us and those we meet. This is the way.

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